

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2003

CLOSURE OF CARNOUSTIE LIBRARY 8 SEPTEMBER - 20 SEPTEMBER 2003

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks committee approval to close Carnoustie Library from Monday 8 September to Saturday 20 September 2003 to allow essential work to be carried out in Carnoustie Library to meet Council obligations to improve access to all customers under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to: -

The closure of Carnoustie Library from Monday 8 September to Saturday 20 September inclusive to allow essential improvements to be made to the building which will contribute to Council obligations to improve access to Council buildings under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

2. INTRODUCTION

Angus Council Property Services have an ongoing programme to improve access to Council Buildings to all customers and users under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the works requiring to be undertaken at Carnoustie Library from Monday 8 September to Saturday 20 September constitute the first phase of upgrading Carnoustie Library to meet Council obligations to all customers under the Disability Discrimination Act.

The works will involve providing improved ramped access at the front of the library and the replacement and upgrading of the main entrance doorway.

Cultural Services recognise that the closure of Carnoustie Library for two weeks will deprive customers in Carnoustie of a library service and accordingly we will increase the amount of library items customers may borrow for this period to compensate for the library closure and we will ensure that no overdue charges accrue against any customer when the library is closed.

The Carnoustie Camera Club have a booking for this period and the Librarian will contact the Club to see if alternative dates for that Booking can be organised. Regular meetings booked for the gallery during this period will be honoured as fire escape access from the gallery is unaffected by the front door closure.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial provision for the improvement works has been allowed for separately by Property Services.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.